

Buckley Starting Newsletter to Expose Leftist Influence in U.S.

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National Review, the conservative magazine, is starting a militant newsletter to expose "Communist intrigues" in American life.

In an open letter appealing for subscriptions, William F. Buckley Jr., the editor of National Review, said yesterday that the new publication would become "the rallying point for the forces struggling to restore an ordered America."

"As you know," he wrote, "most Americans in the last decade have just plain lost sight of Communist intrigues here at home, though our sons fight and die to stop Communist advances in Vietnam."

A Medley of Targets

The newsletter, titled Combat, describes as among its targets the Old Left and the New Left, "peaceniks," "leftward-drifting churchmen," rebellious student groups, sections of the communications media, and "the 'Respectables' who give aid and comfort to radical elements."

Mr. Buckley expressed the hope that the four-page newsletter, which is to appear on the 1st and 15th of every month beginning in September, would reawaken the fears of Communist subversion reminiscent of the era of the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy in the early 1950's. He added:

"In the Golden Age of Subversion (when the likes of Alger Hiss enjoyed the benevolent protection of the mighty), we anti-Communists had sources from which we could obtain the essential information needed to combat the menace. (We also had champions, like the late Whitaker Chambers, personalities of truly heroic proportions, ready to sacrifice themselves for the cause.)

"Not so today. The old anti-Communist press lies dead; not a single effective spotlight capable of distinguishing fact from fancy focuses on the revolutionary underground."

The newsletter will be published by three persons who were active in the anti-Com-

munist campaign of the 1950's. They are Theodore Lit, a former associate of the late Fulton Lewis Jr. and senior editor of the Conservative Book Club; Ruth I. Matthews, widow of J. B. Matthews, a former Methodist minister who served on Senator Joseph McCarthy's investigative subcom-

mittee, and Eugene Lyons, a senior editor of Reader's Digest.

An "editorial credo" accompanying Mr. Buckley's letter set forth the goals of the new publishing venture.

"Combat intends to make clear to its readers the intricate plans and action programs of

the radical forces now at work undermining the American way of life," it said.

Charter subscriptions to the newsletter are \$24 a year. The offer includes two free issues and a gift of two books, "The Jeweler's Eye" by Mr. Buckley and "The Second Civil War" by Garry Wills.